

development of management plans and Environmental Impact Statements, and to ensure that national standards continue to be met (the latter information is contained in annual reports and work plans). While individuals and organizations can apply for grants to conduct research within the NERRS, that application process utilizes standard Federal forms and procedures that are approved separately by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and are not part of the proposed clearance request to OMB.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants follow procedures given in regulations (15 CFR PART 921) and guidance. Funding requests are initiated by the applicant. States with established reserves must file annual reports and work plans.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0121.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: States, non-for-profit institutions, individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 31.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2,012 hours for Management Plans, 15 hours for annual reports/work plans, and 1 hour for a "Federal Consistency Certification" or a "Categorical Exclusion Checklist" when required as part of a grant application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,149.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public (excluding valuation of respondents' response time): \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John Poffenberger, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, (305) 361-4263.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Reporting requirements for 11 fisheries are included in this family of forms. The authority for these mandatory reporting requirements is 50 CFR 622.5. The National Marine Fisheries Service needs information on species composition, quantity caught/landed by species, the amount of fishing effort and the location of the fishing in order to provide scientifically reliable data in support of the mandated stewardship responsibilities delegated by Congress. Collecting this critical information using logbooks that are completed by fishermen is desirable for two important reasons. First, the fishermen are the best source of this information. They are doing the fishing; thus, they know the most about it. Secondly, this method involves the

fishermen directly. Because they are the people being regulated, it is reasonable to use information that they provide to determine the best scenario of measures to meet the conservation and regulatory requirements placed on the NMFS.

II. Method of Collection

Mandatory logbook forms are the data collection instrument employed in this family of forms. Under 50 CFR 622.5, the Science and Research Director for the Southeast Fisheries Science Center has the authority to select fishermen to report from those who have been issued a Federal vessel permit.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0016.

Form Number: Various.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses of other for-profit (commercial fishery vessel owners that have been issued a Federal vessel permit).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,523.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 to 15 minutes, depending upon the logbook involved.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 22,121 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No cost to the public other than the time required to complete the logbook forms. The forms are provided, along with pre-addressed, postage-paid envelopes.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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